

# FY2015 CHNA&HIP Progress Report

Hardin County

Date: June 4,2015

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GOAL	Strategies	Progress on Strategies
Increase training for appropriate, qualified drills so that PH is ready for response when necessary.	1. All employees will be registered in the Learning Management System (LMS).	1. LMS provides minimal educational offerings. This agency currently utilizes the Homeland Security/FEMA website for preparedness educational offerings.
	2. All employees will take Preparedness 100, 200, 700.	2. All employees have completed the training. As each new employee is hired, they are required to complete this training during their orientation period.
	3. Command Center needs will be filled by Preparedness Grant	3. New items have been purchased this year with funds from the Preparedness Grant: Smart Board, 2 cots, a computer with a keyboard and Microsoft Office, computer desk, 3 cabinets to store preparedness items, 2 hazmat suits, a First Aid Kit, and a Blood borne Pathogens training video. Replacement items were purchased for GBHC staffs' emergency travel kits, as many items were outdated.
	4. All employees will be oriented to the Command Center	4. All employees are oriented to the Command Center. All new employees receive training on the Command Center during their orientation period. A tabletop drill is planned for all GBHC staff for June 19, 2015 from noon-3:00 PM.
	5. Triage Mapping will be completed.	This agency has partnered with Roxanne Warnell, the Hardin County Emergency Management Coordinator, who maintains the Triage Maps.
	6. Response plan will be corrected.	The response plan was corrected in June of 2014. All agency staff have received training on the response plan.
	NEW: 7. Provide emergency response/safety to RAGBRAI participants and volunteers.	NEW: 7. GBHC has offered to assist the local RAGBRAI committees to provide the Command Center space and some staff time for triage of RAGBRAI participants/volunteers and to allow access to the facility in the event of inclement weather when the riders come through the county on July 21 & 22, 2015.

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Continued improvement and compliance with Modernization requirement through QI & QA process.	1. Greenbelt Home Care (GBHC) will participate with QI Champions.	1. QI Champions was a group of PH Departments which began to meet regularly in 2010 to improve compliance with the Federal Regulations for Public Health. GBHC was one of the first 12 agencies to participate in QI Champions. The current Administrator has been with GBHC for nearly one year and has not been made aware that QI Champions are continuing.
	2. GBHC will implement techniques and strategies recommended through QI Champions participation.	2. GBHC continues to work to improve policies and procedures throughout the agency. This past year the Board has passed the HIPAA Policy Manual and the HIPAA Security Manual. It has passed our new employee manual. We have several new and/or revised personnel policies, such as FMLA, mileage reimbursement, and benefits. Plans are in place to revise the agency's entire policy manual over the next 12-18 months.
	3. GBHC will hold QI & QA meetings as required to ensure improvement of processes throughout the agency.	3. With the turnover of the entire administrative staff one year ago, formal QI & QA meetings have not occurred. However, all clients' charts are audited on a monthly basis. Moreover, 10% of charts are audited each quarter, including 10% of open charts, 10% of closed charts, and 10% of therapy patient charts. Finally, the nurses, social workers, and administrative team members meet every Monday morning to discuss client issues (admissions, discharges, hospitalizations, changes in status) from the prior week/weekend to ensure clinical staff are kept up to date and to enhance quality and continuity of care.
	4. GBHC will share techniques and strategies learned from QI Champions with interested parties.	4. This was a learning year for this Administration. No strategies have been shared with other organizations this past year.

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Provide education to females in Hardin County regarding pregnancy prevention and spacing of children	1. Meet with Hardin County School Districts to identify educational needs of students.	1. Marshall County now has the grant funding for this endeavor. They have been able to get into the Iowa Falls Community School District and have provided age-appropriate education to various ages of school children throughout the school year. They have, as yet, been unsuccessful in getting into the South Hardin School District. Hardin County has representation on the Team APP (Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention) Coalition, led by Marshall County for both Marshall and Hardin Counties.
	2. Participate in Community Fairs providing pregnancy prevention educational materials and information regarding where contraception may be obtained.	2. Greenbelt Home Care has provided such educational materials at the Family Fest held in Eldora on May 2, 2015.

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	3. Partner with other agencies that provide sliding scale fee/confidential birth control working out of Hardin County locations to improve access, with transportation as a barrier.	3. There are currently no sliding scale fee/confidential birth control agencies in Hardin County. Marshall County does provide this education to Hardin County residents, referring to agencies in Marshall County and Story County, which do have such agencies (i.e. Planned Parenthood).
	4. Provide free condoms and education in PH office for anyone needing assistance.	4. Condoms remain available at the office. Birth control and pregnancy prevention education continues to be provided at GBHC as needed/requested.
	5. Mass media education regarding pregnancy prevention.	5. Marshall County manages the Team APP website, that provides mass media education regarding birth control/pregnancy prevention for both Hardin and Marshall Counties. Hardin County and GBHC provide representatives for the Team APP Coalition.

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Provide education to immigrant population regarding pregnancy prevention, due to high immigrant population teenage pregnancy	1. Establish social group support and education.	1. Back in 2010, GBHC met at a park in Ackley with a group of Hispanic women to provide a social atmosphere, through which birth control/pregnancy prevention education could be provided. This has not continued, as these families have moved out of the Hardin County area.
	2. Provide language specific educational materials.	2. Spanish materials are available at the GBHC office.
	3. Provide condoms to participants.	3. Condoms remain available at the GBHC office if requested/needed.
	4. Provide pregnancy testing and education.	4. Pregnancy testing and birth control/pregnancy prevention education continues to be offered at GBHC.

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Provide education to help with the rising obesity rate.	1. Work with community groups.	1. This strategy involved a garden club. This did not occur this past year.
	2. Provide education to restaurants about providing food content information to patrons.	2. Several food chains in Hardin County provide this information (i.e. Subway, McDonald's, Hardee's, KFC/Taco John's). Smaller, locally owned restaurants do not have the financial resources for this endeavor.
	3. Work with the trails committee to make health stations along the trails.	3. The Iowa Falls trails have benches for rest breaks. The Pine Lake State Park trails also have benches and water fountains are available throughout the park.

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	4. Provide education to children about nutrition and healthy snacks through the public schools and the summer program.	4. Michelle Obama's work has led to more nutritious meals, lower portion sizes, increased availability of nutritious snacks and drinks in school vending machines. The Iowa Falls Community School District provides nutritious lunches for children at several locations Monday - Friday throughout the summer, when school is not in session.

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Reduce the percent of lead poisoned children in Hardin County.	1. Lead education and testing at all kindergarten round up activities.	1. Lead testing of Hardin County children occurs through the Women Infant and Children program (WIC) throughout the year.
	2. Mass media education about the dangers of lead.	2. GBHC provides mass media education about the dangers of lead on its website.
	3. Participation in community fairs, providing lead education and information about where services can be obtained.	3. GBHC participated in the Family Fest on May 2, 2015, where lead education materials were available.
	4. Follow up on high lead test results.	4. Webster County receives the information regarding high lead levels obtained through WIC visits. GBHC provides the follow up of high levels identified in Hardin County.
	5. Provide education on remediation services.	5. Webster County has recently been awarded a grant to assist with home remediation. GBHC will continue to work with Webster County to identify homes where remedial may be recommended.
	6. Provide educational materials to all Hardin County physicians.	6. Hardin County physicians and providers are aware of the resources that GBHC has available and makes referrals accordingly.
	7. Establish a lead coalition with landlords, realtors, renters, property owners, and other interested persons in Hardin County.	7. This has not occurred due to lack of funding resources.
	8. Plant sharing for barriers.	8. Current GBHC staff are not aware of what this strategy intended, and so this has not occurred.

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Improve the number of fully immunized adults in Hardin County.	1. Work with pharmaceutical companies.	1. GBHC has contracts with 2 pharmaceutical companies to provide immunizations to indigent adults at a minimal cost to the client.
	2. Provide education and information about recommended immunizations and locations where they may be obtained.	2. GBHC provides this information on our website.
	3. Schedule regular clinics to provide immunizations and education.	3. GBHC schedules regular flu and wellness clinics each fall.
	4. Provide education to medical providers to aide in referrals for immunizations to PH.	4. Physicians and other providers in Hardin County are aware of the services available at GBHC and make referrals accordingly throughout the year.
	5. Contact employers to offer clinics at their work place.	5. GBHC/Hardin County PH provided approximately 18 flu/wellness clinics in the fall of 2014 to local employers, civic groups, seniors, and students/teachers through out Hardin County.